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Art Unit: 3611

For: STEERING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

Examiner: A. M. M. Boehler

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, to correct an error in PTO Form/SB/08 for an IDS mailed on June 23, 2006. Specifically, the June 23, 2006 PTO Form SB/08 listed a Japanese Patent Publication (P2002-274397A) under "Non-Patent Literature Documents" rather than under "Foreign Patent Documents." A PTO Form SB/08 enclosed with the present IDS corrects this error. Applicants further enclose a copy of a Notice of Allowance mailed September 20, 2006, including an initialed copy of the PTO Form SB/08 of June 23. The Examiner's initials on this PTO Form SB/08 indicates that a Japanese Patent Publication P2002-274397A was considered duly by the Examiner. Applicant requests that the corrected PTO Form SB/08 be placed in the application file, and the correction be reflected on the first page of the printed patent.

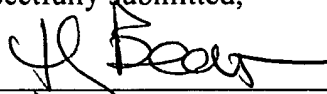
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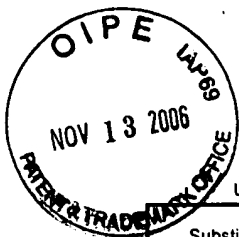
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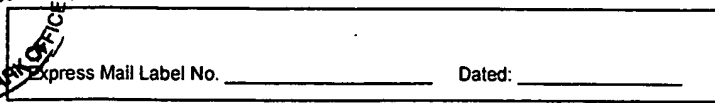
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